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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An alkoxyated, condensed basic amino acid-containing polymer comprising the addition products of one or more alkylene oxides with one or more of a

[– homocondensates] homocondensate of a basic amino [acids] acid,

[– condensates of mixtures] a condensate of a mixture of two or more basic amino acids [and

– cocondensates of] or a cocondensate of one or more basic amino acids and one or more cocondensable compounds.

4. (Amended) An alkoxyated, condensed basic amino acid-containing polymer as claimed in claim 1, comprising a cocondensate of one or more basic amino acids and a cocondensable compound, wherein the cocondensable compound[s are] is selected from the group consisting of [compounds] a compound containing one or more carboxylic acid groups, a carboxylic [anhydrides] anhydride, a [diketenes] diketene, [amines] an amine, [lactams] a lactam, [alcohols] an alcohol, an alkoxyated [alcohols] alcohol and an alkoxyated amine.

5. (Amended) An alkoxyated, condensed basic amino acid-containing polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the condensed basic amino acid-containing polymers are [obtainable] obtained by condensing

(a) lysine alone or [together with]

(b) lysine and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of palmitic acid, stearic acid, lauric acid, octanoic acid, propionic acid, acetic acid, 2-ethylhexanoic acid, adipic acid, succinic acid, citric acid and mixtures thereof.

6. (Amended) An alkoxyated, condensed basic amino acid-containing polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the condensed basic amino acid-containing polymer is [obtainable] obtained by condensing

(a) lysine together with

(b) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of 1,6-hexandiamine, octylamine, aminocaproic acid, aminolauric acid, ϵ -caprolactam, lauro lactam, and a C₁₄-/C₂₂-alkyldiketene[s].

15. (Amended) An alkoxyated, condensed basic amino acid-containing polymer as claimed in claim 1, [which has been modified by reacting it] obtained by reacting the basic amino acid-containing polymer with at least one [an] alkylating agent selected from the group consisting of an alkyl [halides] halide, a benzyl [halides] halide and a dialkyl [sulfates] sulfate.

16. (Amended) A process for the production of an alkoxyated, condensed basic amino acid-containing [polymers] polymer, which comprises

reacting one or more of a

[— homocondensates] homocondensate of a basic amino acid[s],

[— condensates of mixtures] a condensate mixture of two or more basic amino acids, or [and/or

– cocondensates of] a cocondensate of one or more basic amino acids and one or more cocondensable compounds,

with at least one alkylene oxide selected from the group consisting of a C₂- to C₃₀-alkylene [oxides] oxide and styrene oxide.

17. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 16, wherein the alkylene [oxides are] oxide is selected from the group consisting of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide and butylene oxide.

19. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 16, [wherein the polymers are alkylated] further comprising

reacting the polymer with an alkylating agent selected from the group consisting of an alkyl halide[s], a benzyl halide[s] and a dialkyl sulfate[s].

20. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 16, [wherein the polymers are alkylated] further comprising:

reacting the polymer with a compound selected from the group consisting of benzyl chloride, methyl chloride, ethyl chloride, lauryl chloride, palmityl chloride, stearyl chloride, methyl iodide, dimethyl sulfate and diethyl sulfate.